



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Lee)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:15-5:45PM/Thursday 4:30-5:30PM during Adoration (DPC)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 4:00-5:45 PM concluding with Benediction

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday

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Marriage: Meet with Pastor six months in advance to set date.

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Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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Third Sunday Of Lent—February 28, 2016

Saturday	Feb. 27	6:00PM	†Georgie Naizer; † Marie Hajda; †Germilla Pavlasek; VJ & †Margie Hajda
Sunday	Feb. 28	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday	March 1	12:00PM	† Alfred Vrana; † George Vrana / Reconciliation: 1-2:30PM (DPC)
Wednesday	March 2	6:00PM	† Georgia Naizer; † Julie Kaderka (DPC)
Thursday	March 3	4:00PM	Adoration/Confession/Daily Prayer/Benediction (DPC)
Healing Mass		6:00PM	† Mary Labaj; Healing of Nicole Geil (DPC)
Friday	March 4	8:00AM	†Ludmilla (Trcka) Forte / Stations of the Cross following Mass (DPC)
		7:00PM	Stations of the Cross (DPC)
Saturday	March 5	8:00AM	† George Sr. & Thomas Strmiska (DPC)
		6:00PM	†Johnny Michalek; † Edd & Angeline Sladeczek, Ed Cmerek; †Martha & Emil Bohac; †Dennis Martinka; † Vicente Estrada
Sunday	March 6	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Weekend Masses will be in the Parish Hall
Weekday Masses and Stations will be in the DPC Chapel

We pray for Healing: Gary Gonzalez, Eleanor Cuzzort, Barbara Blackman Matthews, Sally Hajda, Alice Hajda, Kurt Kaderka, Georgie Barnard, Albert Hajda, Nicole Geil, Karen Cervenka Mayer, Misty Gonzales, Bennie Bartosh, Charles Carpenter, Joyce Dobias, Josh Hughes, Dennis Henry, Bobby Bohac * (Remember this is for immediate need only)

Offering: Sunday: \$4,031.00 Children: \$20.00

Liturgical Ministers March 5-6

Saturday 6PM Lector: Debra Cavanaugh/Kate Strmiska Servers: Nicholas & William Novak
Music: Traditional Choir EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Doc Pekar, JoAnn Pavelka

Sunday 10AM Lector: Darve Horak/ Diana Kerlin Servers: Marcus Belcher, Volunteers
Music: Kathy Janke EMHC: Darve Horak, Diana Kerlin, Elena Castro, Rita Marburger

Route EMHC: Theresa Valdez, Esther Villarreal, Frankie & Shirley Volek, Rosanne Naizer

RE Store will be open at the Hall during the Mexican Dinner

Calendar of Events

Sunday Feb. 28 : 11:30AM Bingo Kitchen—Pizza and salad

Tuesday March 1 : 7PM Liturgy Meeting (DPC)

Wednesday March 2 : 7PM RE

Friday March 4 : Stations of the Cross following 8AM Mass (DPC)
: 7PM Stations of the Cross (DPC)/Signup sheet for leaders (DPC)

Saturday March 5 : 1st Saturday Bible Study (DPC)
: 5:15-5:45PM Confession (DPC)

Sunday March 6 : 11AM Mexican Dinner and Raffle

Thank you to all those who volunteered to serve on our Church Celebration Committee! We had a wonderful and very enthusiastic group of volunteers attend. If you are still interested in being part of this planning group, please join us! Our celebration has officially been set for **Sunday, April 30, 2017!!!** For more information, call or email Rosanne Naizer [512-859-2542](tel:512-859-2542) or rnaiz@yahoo.com.

Parish

SSCM RE holds Annual Fundraiser: Next Sunday, March 6, 2016, Religious Ed. will hold its annual Mexican Dinner. The dinner consists of enchiladas, rice, beans, tea, and all the trimmings. Serving begins at 11:30am at the SSCM Parish Hall. Plates are \$8.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Desserts will be available for a separate price. Come shop at our Religious Article store and find some great bargains. Raffle tickets with 10 great prizes will also be sold. All donated desserts are welcomed. Thank you for your support.

Liturgy Meeting will be held Tuesday March 1 at 7PM in the DPC for anyone involved in Mass. Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Musicians, Choir Directors, Sacristans, Ushers and Schedulers. We will discuss the Hall Mass procedures as well as Holy Week. Please make every effort to attend. Bring your calendars to check availability for assignments for Ministers.

A 3-hour Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Basic Workshop on child sexual abuse will be held *Tuesday, March 8 from 6:30-9:30pm in the School*. This workshop is part of the diocesan EIM policies that were adopted in January 2002 and revised in August 2008. **All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults**, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application. Please login to your EIM account (use the Alternate Login option if needed) to pre-register to attend an EIM workshop. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop. Materials used in the workshop include testimonies from victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse; if you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at [\(512\) 949-2447](tel:5129492447) to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

Religious Education

R.E. Parents: Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets, basket items and to sign up for a work shift by Wednesday. Next Sunday, please remember to bring a dessert and work your shift. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. Proceeds benefit the children of our parish. Thank you in advance for your hard work.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 122%

131 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledged: \$132,080.68
Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$36,158.43 Memorials and Donations: \$14,245.33
\$150,000-182,484.44= (\$32,484.44) OVER our goal when all pledges are fulfilled

Restoration update: Pictures are posted on our website. www.sscmchurch.org and Facebook.

Only authorized personnel will be allowed into the church until the restoration is completed in July.

The Czechs who settled the Granger community began arriving in 1881. Some of their names, Bartos, Cervenka, Pecka, Prikryl, Tobolka, Krkoska, Kopecky, Kaderka, Jurecka, David, Janak, Kalinec, Zrubek, Struhak, Mazac, Nemec, Rychlik, (now Anglicized) still resound in the area today. They came armed with a work ethic, a proud heritage and an abiding faith in God. The nurturance of this faith was apparently a top priority because despite their harsh, toil-laden lives, these pioneers sought a place of worship. The nearest Catholic church was in Taylor, Texas, 12 miles away, which, most of the time, entailed an overnight excursion to attend services. Infrequently, the priest from Taylor would venture forth to offer Mass in Granger in the Struhak home. However, it was soon evident that this arrangement did not satisfy the spiritual needs of this small Czech community. (2)

(Taken from: A Narrative History Of The Congregation by Loretta Skrovan Mikulencak, Granger, Texas)

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

THANK YOU COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PANTRY.

Families Served – 57

Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$ 1710.00 and Food Donated = 234 pounds

SSCM - \$210.00 and 194 pounds of food **BRETHERN CHURCH** – \$ 150.00 and 40 pounds of food

Granger Pit Stop - \$50.00 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - \$300.00 **KJZT FUNDRAISER** - \$1000.00

The Red and White Grocery – Thank you for providing eggs and meat at cost!!!

What Can You Do? We can always use breakfast items, canned vegetables, soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dessert items, toiletries and **cash** is always welcome.

Next Food Pantry: The next food pantry will be **March 17th from 12:00 – 4:00**. Please deliver your donations to the Hall at weekend Mass or the church office the day before.

HOPE PROGRAM IN GRANGER FROM THE CARING PLACE

HOPE (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) was distributed at the SSCM Parish Hall on February 9th. Four volunteers assisted with handing out food for 27 families. Nine home deliveries were made.

Next HOPE distribution will be on March 8th from 1-3 pm at the SSCM Parish Hall.